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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) San Bernardino County – More Cases of Newcastle Disease Reported**

(U) The California Department of Food and Agriculture are reporting more cases of virulent Newcastle disease (VND) in backyard birds in southern California. This brings the total to 43 confirmed cases since May in three counties—San Bernardino (40), Riverside (2) and Los Angeles (1). VND has not been found in commercial poultry in the US since 2003. The cases have prompted a quarantine to be imposed in San Bernardino County and Riverside County.

SOURCE: 12 July 2018, [Outbreak News Today](#)

#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) Texas – CBP Arrests Six Criminal Aliens in One Day**

(U) Edinburg – Border Patrol agents across the Rio Grande Valley arrested four gang members and two sex offenders. One Mexican national's criminal record revealed he was arrested in January, 2017 and was convicted and sentenced to 200 days confinement and one-year probation on sexual assault of a 13-15 year old victim and endangering sexual conduct. Another Guatemalan man's record also showed a criminal conviction for rape and assault. In two different incidents, Falfurrias agents arrested three Salvadoran nationals. All of the subjects' records revealed that they are active members of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) gang. Agents also arrested another Salvadoran national that criminal databases indicated was a member of the 18th Street gang. All subjects will be processed accordingly and their prior orders of removal will be reinstated.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [CBP](#)

##### **(U) Texas – Border Patrol Disrupts Stash House**

(U) Weslaco – US Border Patrol agents from the Rio Grande Valley Sector dismantled a stash house. The operation resulting in the apprehension of 16 illegal immigrants. On 10 July, Border Patrol agents, working in collaboration with the Hidalgo County Constables Office – Precinct 4, identified a suspected stash house operating out of a residence in Weslaco. The individuals located inside were from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. All subjects will be processed accordingly. The case is being referred for prosecution.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [CBS - KVEO](#)

#### **(U) NATIONAL**

##### **(U) Kansas – Message Parlor Bust Typical of Trafficking Investigations**

(U) Topeka – A massage parlor in downtown Topeka that law enforcement and federal prosecutors believe operated as a front for sex workers fits the mold of what Kansas investigators find in human trafficking cases, an assistant US attorney said 10 July in Manhattan, but investigating such establishments can be tricky. Increasingly, investigators find those dealing in the sex trade using storefront massage parlors to appear legitimate, but once inside it becomes clear the parlor has a different purpose.

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SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [The Mercury](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – Over 60 Militant Casualties as Clashes Erupt Among Taliban and ISIS**

(U) Jawzjan – Over sixty militants were killed or wounded during the infighting between Taliban and Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) militants in the northern Jawzjan province of Afghanistan. The 209th Shaheen Corps of the Afghan Military in the North said the clashes erupted in Darzab district of Jawzjan after a coordinated attack by the Taliban. According to a statement released by Shaheen Corps, at least 16 ISIS members and 10 Taliban fighters have been killed during the clashes. The statement further added that 14 ISIS militants also sustained injuries and at least 9 others were captured by the Taliban.

SOURCE: 12 July 2018, [Khaama Press](#)

**(U) India – ISIS Plan to Attack New Delhi Thwarted by Security Agency**

(U) New Delhi – ISIS planned to carry out terror strikes in New Delhi but was thwarted by security agencies, officials said yesterday. The ISIS plot was foiled following the arrest of an aspiring Afghan suicide bomber, who had been under surveillance since late 2017. The counter-intelligence operation included an Indian "plant" supplying the ISIS operative with explosives without triggers and even arranging for his accommodation in the capital's Lajpat Nagar, an official said. The Afghan ISIS operative, who enrolled himself in an engineering college on Delhi's outskirts, was flown to Afghanistan days after his arrest and is said to be now under the custody of the US military in Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [News 18](#)

**(U) Northern Ireland – Belfast Suffers Hijacked Bus and Bomb Scare**

(U) Belfast – A bus was hijacked and set on fire in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in one of several disorderly incidents that struck the city last night. A group of masked men, one carrying a gun, hijacked a bus before setting it alight, which blocked a main road for hours, according to local media reporting. The Belfast Telegraph reports that no passengers were on board at the time, and no direct link has been found between each incident. The trouble occurred on the Eleventh Night, an annual Ulster Protestant celebration.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [Newshub](#)

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